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aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the advancement of LB 94. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 94.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 94 does advance. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 143 was a bill introduced by Senator Schrock. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10 of this year, referred to the Natural Resources Committee for public hearing, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0143, Legislative Journal page 400.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schrock to open on LB 143.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the purpose of LB 143 is to allow the Department of Environmental Quality to issue permits for solid waste processing facilities for up to ten years from the date of issuance. Currently, these permits may only be issued for up to five years. The...it's determined that the sites where our waste is deposited, or the...are basically sites that are low risk from an environmental standpoint. We currently have 39 transfer stations in the state of Nebraska, eight compost sites, and six material recovery sites. Now, the material recovery sites is basically a place where they usually take garbage and sort out the recyclables. At the present time, all of these permits are coming due at once. And they would like to be able to stagger the permits so they don't have to renew all their permits at the same time. So they could go up to ten years under this bill. It would also allow us to take advantage of a proposed change in the federal landfill laws to enable states to issue research, development, and demonstration permits. The permit terms under the proposed law is set for three years. But these are...this is a different permit, and it would be under federal law. At the present time, the state does not have the ability to issue permits for periods of less than five years. The program is